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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT
DEL AMO BOULEVARD OVER ALAMEDA STREET AND
THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
RANCHO WAY SUPPLEMENTAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Supplemental Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the Union Pacific Railroad, which provides for the County to pay for the railroad's actual cost estimated at \$231,311 plus a \$1,000 fee for processing the agreement for the reconstruction of the Rancho Way highway work in the vicinity of the highway-railroad crossing. This work is being done as part of the grade separation of Del Amo Boulevard over Alameda Street, the Union Pacific Railroad, and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority tracks.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On October 12, 1999, Synopsis 37, your Board awarded the construction contract for the Del Amo Boulevard grade separation project. This project grade separated Del Amo Boulevard over Alameda Street and railroad tracks owned by the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). This grade separation also crosses the Alameda Corridor. Rancho Way north of Del Amo Boulevard will be realigned and the highway/railroad crossing of Rancho Way with a UPRR spur track will be relocated. The construction of the crossing will be performed by UPRR forces. The County's construction contract for the Del Amo Boulevard grade separation project included realignment of the roadway on Rancho Way. This work

required coordination with UPRR's forces working on the Rancho Way crossing. Since UPRR's forces were unavailable during the term of the County's construction contract for the Del Amo Boulevard grade separation, the County's contractor could not complete the work on Rancho Way. The County's contractor has demobilized from this area and the portion of Rancho Way roadway near the UPRR crossing was deleted from the grade separation contract. Accordingly, the necessity of close coordination of the Rancho Way roadway work and UPRR's crossing surface work, as well as the availability of UPRR's contractor to perform both items of work, have allowed Public Works to negotiate the use of UPRR's contractor to complete the roadway work.

On October 2, 2001, Synopsis 37, your Board executed a New Public Highway Crossing Agreement with the UPRR. The Supplemental Construction and Maintenance Agreement is needed to establish the respective construction and maintenance responsibilities of the County and the UPRR for the Rancho Way work that was not completed under the County's Del Amo Boulevard contract. Reconstruction of Rancho Way is a needed component of the Del Amo Boulevard grade separation project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a more responsive manner. This work contributes to the completion of the highway/railroad grade separation at Del Amo Boulevard, which will provide residents with a travel route that is less congested due to train blockage delays.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of the grade separation project is estimated to be \$42,430,000.

The total cost of the project is to be financed as follows:

Proposition 116 Funds	\$34,100,000
(Previously approved under Agreement 71126 - \$19,365,000)	
(Covered under the Amendment - \$14,735,000)	
State Grade Separation Funds	3,120,000
Union Pacific Railroad Funds	4,310,000
Intermodal Container Transfer Facility	900,000
(Agreement with the City of Carson)	
Total	<u>\$42,430,000</u>

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The Rancho Way work covered under the agreement, at an estimated cost of \$231,311, is part of the Del Amo Boulevard grade separation project. This work is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget. The total cost of the work to be performed by UPRR, at County expense, is \$550,426, pursuant to the October 2, 2001, New Public Highway Crossing Agreement and the enclosed Supplemental Construction and Maintenance Agreement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All work to be accomplished under the enclosed Supplemental Construction and Maintenance Agreement is to be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Public Utilities Code and the Streets and Highways Code.

The Agreement as amended has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Grade separation projects, such as the Del Amo Boulevard project, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code. The Notice of Exemption was filed with the County Clerk on December 11, 1995.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Rancho Way realignment will enhance traffic mobility at the intersection of Rancho Way and Del Amo Boulevard.

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CONCLUSION

Enclosed are three copies of the Supplemental Construction and Maintenance Agreement. Upon approval, please return two copies to Public Works for further processing along with two approved copies of this letter. The County file copy is for your files until the fully executed County copy is returned to you.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel